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Subject: Key messages for CFAC proposed rule

Hi, Rich.

Below are some key messages Rob and I put together for the upcoming proposed rule in the Federal Register. Please edit as needed. We will need to make sure they track the final version of the letter when it is sent to the governor.

Also, since I'm working from home until late next week, I'm not going to be readily available by phone to answer questions from the media on the letter. Rob is also going to be out of the office until next Wednesday, so we were wondering if you could handle media inquiries on this. You do have my cell phone number in case you need me for anything.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thanks!
Cynthia

- On XX, EPA Regional Administrator Shaun McGrath responded to Montana Governor Bullock's February 17, 2015 letter supporting placement of the Anaconda Aluminum Company's Columbia Falls Reduction Plant, also known as the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant (Site) on the National Priorities List (NPL) for investigation and cleanup.
- In the letter, Mr. McGrath reported that, with local and state support, the EPA expects to propose the Site for listing when the next NPL update is published in the Federal Register, currently scheduled for March 2015.
- Adding the Site to the NPL allows the EPA and the community to access significant technical and financial resources to address the environmental and health risks posed by the Site. These resources can accelerate investigation and cleanup activities and lead more rapidly to productive uses of the Site.
- In his letter, Mr. McGrath affirmed the EPA's commitment to:
 - Maintaining the close working relationship that has already been established with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality for this Site;
 - Continuing active community involvement throughout the process;
 - Sampling nearby domestic wells;
 - Ensuring the cleanup addresses human health and environmental concerns while considering the Site owner's and the community's redevelopment interests; and
 - Alerting the community about upcoming contract opportunities and hiring local labor whenever possible.
- Following the proposal for listing, there will be a 60-day comment period in which the public can provide comments to the EPA regarding the proposed listing. We will provide more information regarding this process when the site is proposed. All comments will be considered by the agency. The Site will officially be added to the NPL after the EPA has reviewed and responded to all comments.

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